

Writing Pilot Program: English II Timed Writing I

Student Instructions:

Today you will be completing a timed writing assignment and you will get to choose what you want to write about. Below you will find three persuasive essay prompts. Choose **one** prompt and write your essay on the paper provided. If you need more space to write, you can ask your teacher for additional pages.

For your assignment, it is important to remember to —

- state your position clearly
- use appropriate organization
- provide specific support for your argument
- choose your words carefully
- edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling

Below are your prompt choices. Choose **one** topic to write about and remember to do your best!

Prompt Choices:

1. The following quotation is by Dr. Seuss from *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*: “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Write an essay stating your position on whether learning always has a positive effect on a person’s life.

2. Idealistic people are those who pursue great ideas in the hope of changing the world. Because their plans are often quite ambitious, these people can have difficulty accomplishing smaller, concrete goals. In contrast, practical people concentrate on workable ideas and goals. Their approach is likely to lend itself to tangible solutions, even if these people fail to envision grand ideas.

Write an essay stating your opinion on whether it’s better to dream big or to be realistic.

3. A newspaper columnist once wrote, “Maturity has more to do with what types of experiences you’ve had, and what you’ve learned from them, and less to do with how many birthdays you’ve celebrated.”

Write an essay stating your opinion on whether maturity is dependent on a person’s age.